Sample Survey Organisation, the Planning Commission estimates the number of people below the poverty line in the rural as well as urban areas. The latest estimates of the Planning Commission are based on the results of 43rd Round of NSSO which pertains to the year 1987-88, according to which the estimated number of persons below the poverty line in the rural areas in 1987-88 were 1959.80 lakhs The State-wise break-up of number of persons below poverty line in the rural areas is given in Statement *(See* below).

The Ministry of Rural Development had also initiated a survey of families below poverty line for the 8th Five Year Plan in November, 1991. The survey identifies all house-holds in rural areas having income below the poverty line. The number of families thus identified is available at the Village, the district and the State levels.

To provide employment to the rural poor, the Ministry of Rural Development is implementing two programmes—Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS)—to provide wage empteytnent and the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) to provide self-employment. No specific time limit has been fixed by the Government to provide full employment to the entire rural poor.

**Statement**

*Rural Population below poverty line us per 43rd round of NSSO* (1987-88)

| S. No. | State/UT | No. of poor people (lakhs) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 153.10 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 0.74 |
| 3 | Assam | 50.40 |
| 4 | Bihar | 300.30 |
| 5 | Goa | 0.80 |
| 6 | Gujarat | 56.20 |
| 7 | Haryana | 13.50 |
| 8 | Himachal Pradesh | 4.40 |
| 9 | Jammu & Kashmir | 6.40 |
| 10 | Karnataka | 102.80 |
| 11 | Kerala | 39.40 |
| 12 | Madhya Pradesh | 194.00 |
| 13 | Maharashtra | 166.90 |
| 14 | Manipur | 1.28 |
| 15 | Meghalaya | 1.33 |
| 16 | Mizoram | 0.45 |
| 17 | Nagaland | 0.83 |
| 18 | Orissa | 124.20 |
| 19 | Punjab | 9.60 |
| 20 | Rajasthan | 80.60 |
| 21 | Sikkim | 0.34 |
| 22 | Tamil Nadu | 138.40 |
| 23 | Tripura | 2.30 |
| 24 | Uttar Pradesh | 373.10 |
| 25 | West Bengal | 137.20 |
| 26 | A & N Islands | 0.19 |
| 27 | Chandigarh | 0.03 |
| 28 | D & N Haveli | 0.13 |
| 29 | Daman & Diu | 0.06 |
| 30 | Delhi | 0.48 |
| 31 | Lakshadweep | 0.02 |
| 32 | Pondicherry | 0.32 |
| | | 1,959.80 |

**ग्रामीण इलाकों में पेयजल का संकट**

1035. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या देश के ग्रामीण इलाकों में अभी भी पेयजल का संकट विद्यमान है तथा इस कारण ग्रामीणों को अत्यधिक कठिनाई का सामना करना पड़ रहा है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इस समस्या को हल करने के लिए कोई नई योजना बनाने पर विचार कर रही है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो योजना की मुख्य बातें क्या-क्या हैं ?

**ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय (ग्रामीण विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उत्तमभाई पटेल) :** (क) पेयजल की समस्या 672 बिना स्रोत

वाले समस्याग्रस्त गांवों और आंशिक रूप से कवर किये गये गांवों/बस्तावटों में विद्य मान है ।

(ख) जी नहीं । इस समस्या का समाधान राजीव गांधी राष्ट्रीय पेयजल मिशन और राज्य क्षेत्र न्यूनतम आवश्यकता कार्यक्रम जिसे क्रमशः 5100 करोड़ रुपए और 4954.23 करोड़ रुपए के बढ़ाये गये परिव्यय के साथ आठवीं पंच-वर्षीय योजना में कार्यान्वित किया जाना है, के तहत विद्यमान त्वरित जल कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत कर लिया जायेगा।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

**Proposal to update the Land Records in the Country**

1036. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to update the land records in all the States;

(b) if so, what specific steps have so far been taken in that direction ;

(c) whether a panel headed by Shri P. S. Appu has been set up to go into the matter and recommend measures;

(d) whether the Committee has since submitted its report;

(e) if so, what are the salient features of the report and recommendations ; and

(f) the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A centrally Sponsored Scheme for Strengthening of Revenue Administration and Updating of land Records is already in operation in the States and Union Territories. Under the Scheme since 1987-88 an amount of Rs, 5557.69 lakh has been released to the States and Union Territories as Central share.

(c) A Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of Shri P. S. Appu to suggest measures for revitalisation of land records system and land revenue administration.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Question does not arise.

**Recent Developments in AIDS Therapy**

1037. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a private firm of Kanpur in collaboration with a unit of C. S. I. R. at Jammu has developed a therapy for the treatment of AIDS in the country ;

(b) if so, details of the therapy ;

(c) whether Government have introduced the therapy in medical colleges and other related institutes ; and

(d) if so, with what results ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) No Sir, However, M/s. Hind Chemicals Limited, Kanpur have claimed to have developed a new therapeutic agent against HIV on the basis of assistance provided by the Regional Research Laboratory, Jammu on two plant based formulations namely, LIVZON and IMM1NEX.

(c) and (d) The claim of the Company would require thorough investigation before being recommended for introduction.

**Science and Technology Parks**

1038. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to set up some science and